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New Town Council Members Welcomed

At the Kitty Hawk Town Council meeting Monday, December 2, the Town Council welcomed Councilman Craig Garriss and Councilman Jeff Pruitt, who were both sworn in for the first time. Gary Perry was sworn in as the Town's Mayor and Ervin Bateman was elected Mayor Pro Tempore. Emilie Klutz continues serving her current term on Council.

Mayor Perry was elected to the Town Council in 2005 and in 2007 was selected by the Council to serve as Mayor Pro Tem. In 2013, Mr. Perry was elected as Mayor. He retired after 30 years of service in the US Coast Guard followed by retirement after 14.75 years of service as Chief Engineer of Civilian Contract operated US Naval Surveillance Ships. Mr. Perry is a Kitty Hawk native and graduate of Manteo High School. He has a BS, Marine Engineering Safety Technology, with a major in Business Administration from Wayland Baptist University. Mr. Perry has military and civilian training in engineering, management, and leadership disciplines.



Mayor Gary Perry, pictured, from left with granddaughters Niki C. Stafford and Mary R. Jolley.



Mayor Pro Tempore Ervin Bateman and wife Teresa.

The Town Council appointed Ervin Bateman to the Planning Board in June of 1993. He served on the Planning Board until 2002. In 2003, Mr Bateman was elected to the Town Council and in 2005 he was selected by the Council to serve as Mayor Pro Tem. In 2007 and 2011, Mr. Bateman was re-elected to the Council and in 2013 he was again selected as Mayor Pro Tem.

Mr. Garriss was elected to the Town Council in November of 2013. Prior to serving on Council, he served on the Town Board of Adjustment in 2006 and was appointed to the Kitty Hawk Planning Board in 2007. In 2011 Mr. Garriss was selected as Planning Board Vice Chair, a position he held until being elected to Council. Mr. Garriss is a retired Lieutenant with the North Carolina Highway Patrol and currently is the Captain with the Vidant Company Police at The Outer Banks Hospital.



Councilman Craig Garriss pictured with daughter Samantha and wife, Karen



Daughter Taylor, pictured from left, wife Bo, Councilman Jeff Pruitt and mother Doris Pruitt.

Mr. Pruitt was elected to Town Council in November, 2013. Prior to his election, Mr. Pruitt served as the Chairman of the Town's Recreation Committee from 1995 to 2001 and has served on the Kitty Hawk Woods Coastal Reserve Local Advisory Committee from 1999 to the present. Mr. Pruitt also served on the Town's Planning Board from 2007 to 2013. Mr. Pruitt is a native of Kitty Hawk and works as a commercial crabber.



From Town Staff
Check Out the Town
Hall Choir's
Holiday Greeting

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yaTOhHPZurI>

Town Calendar

Town Offices Closed—Christmas Holiday

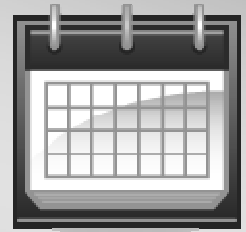
Tuesday, December 24, Wednesday, December 25 and Thursday, December 26

Town Offices Closed—New Year's Day

Wednesday, January 1, 2014

Town Council Meeting—

Monday, January 6, 2014, 6:00 PM



Holiday Trash Collection Will Take Place on

*Monday, December 23rd
&*

Friday December 27th



There will be no change to residential collections the week of December 30th. There will be no commercial trash collection on Wednesday January 1, 2014

Dare County Recycling Center in Kitty Hawk will be closed Tuesday, December 24 through Thursday, December 26 and on New Year's Day.

Blue and Red Lights were Flashing On Tuesday Night

Members of the Kitty Hawk Police and Fire Departments served their community in a different way on Tuesday, December 17, when they assisted local youth shop for their families at WalMart. This event, "Shop with a Cop" was coordinated with Dare County Schools and sponsored by the Sergeant Santa Foundation.



Thanks from Richard Reid

I want to say "Thank you" to many people for the wonderful years I spent at the Town of Kitty Hawk, first as the Town Planner and then the last eight years as a Town Councilman.

First, I want to thank the citizens of Kitty Hawk for electing me to the office of councilman and then reelecting me again four years later. It has been a privilege and honor to serve the town in that capacity.

I want to thank Clifton Perry, who will always be the "Mayor of Kitty Hawk" in my eyes, whether in office or not. I have worked in local governments since 1967, in several cities and counties, and Clifton stands out as the best. He was my boss and then my colleague and my friend. He is an excellent politician in the most positive sense. He always worked for the betterment of the community, never for any self-interest. His wisdom has guided the town for more than two decades. It has been my privilege and honor to know Clifton, to work for him as the town planner and to work with him on the council and count him as a friend.

I want to thank my fellow council members, Gary, Emilie and Ervin. I personally think that elected officials should always do their civic duty by seeking the "public good." This council has done that! There are no personal agendas, only the good of Kitty Hawk and its current and future citizens. The town is in good hands.

I want to thank Bob Nicholl for hiring me as the town planner back in 1993, and I want to thank Rod Perry for supporting me through a very difficult period, and I thank John Stockton for being a kind, caring and compassionate manager.

I would like to thank the staff of the town, the police department, the fire department, public works and the town hall administrative staff. This includes everyone from the department heads to the part-time workers. I think Kitty Hawk has the finest staff in the world, and I have worked in many communities over the years. I cannot list all the staff here but they are on the phone directory that Sandy Hawley maintains. My advice to the current and future councils is "take care of the staff." They don't get big paychecks, bonuses, or big benefits, but they are hardworking and care about the Town of Kitty Hawk.

I especially want to thank three staff members who represent Kitty Hawk and local government in the most positive way on a daily basis: Sandy Hawley, Lynn Morris and Donna Heffernan made my years with the town easier and I am glad to count these ladies as my friends.

These three people keep Kitty Hawk running smoothly and present the best possible public image of local government, through their hard work, positive attitudes and eagerness to assist the public and other town staff.

Sandy Hawley is the first person a citizen usually comes into contact with on the phone or in person, and she always presents herself with a smile and a wonderful helpful attitude. If she can't help you and answer your question she will find the answer or direct you to the correct person or department. For years she coordinated the planning and preparation of "Kitty Hawk Heritage Days" as a volunteer. She is always cheerful, helpful, and professional.

Lynn Morris, has always provided the ultimate in support to the Town Council, manager and other

Thanks From Richard Reid Continued

staff for more years than Clifton has been on the council. With Clifton retired, Lynn, who also keeps the official public records, is personally a valuable source of town history.

Donna Heffernan is indispensable to the planning and building department. Her contact with the public, particularly the building trades has always been above and beyond the normal public service. She has always provided eager, energetic, positive and timely support to the Town Council.

I am proud to have been a small part of the Kitty Hawk Town history and I appreciate all the people who continue to make it a very special place.

Kitty Hawk Fire Department Stats

Emergency Calls – November 2013

During the month of November 2013, there were 41 calls for emergency service. The breakdown is as follows:

Alarm system activation, no fire, unintentional	1
Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	1
Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	1
Assist invalid	2
Automatic/mutual aid	5
Chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney or flue	1
Detector activation, no fire, unintentional	1
Dispatched and cancelled en route	2
Excessive heat, scorch burns with no ignition	1
Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	1
Heat detector activation due to malfunction	1
Heat from short circuit (wiring), defective, worn	1
Medical calls	17
Motor vehicle accident with no injuries	2
Public service assistance (tree down)	2
Special type of incident (unmanned vessel)	1
Water or steam leak	1

Kitty Hawk Officers Awarded Highest Educational Recognition in North Carolina Law Enforcement

This month Officers Bryan Tyler and Chad Pennell were awarded the highest educational recognition for law enforcement in North Carolina. Each received the Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate that is awarded to officers for a combination of education, professional training, and years of service. In order to recognize the level of competence of law enforcement officers serving governmental agencies within the State, to foster interest in college education and professional law enforcement training programs, and to attract highly qualified people into a law enforcement career, the Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards



Police Officer II, Bryan Tyler



Police Officer III, Chad Pennell

Commission established the Law Enforcement Officers' Professional Certificate Program. Under this program dedicated officers receive statewide and nationwide recognition for education, professional training, and on-the-job experience. Presently, the Kitty Hawk Police Department has eight recipients of the Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate.

Statewide Holiday “Booze It & Lose It” Campaign Kicks Off



The holiday season is a time of celebration with family and friends. The Kitty Hawk Police Department in cooperation with the Governor's Highway Safety Program reminds drivers that those fun-filled festivities can take a tragic turn if they get behind the wheel after drinking alcohol. In an effort to curb drunk driving, law enforcement agencies across the state kicked off the Holiday “Booze It & Lose It” campaign last Friday. The campaign will run through January 5, 2014. Although deaths as a result of an impaired driver are down 31.2 percent in North Carolina this year, any life lost because of an impaired driver is one too many. At this point in 2012, there were 409 alcohol-related fatalities, and currently in 2013, there have

been 291. In an effort to continue that downward trend, law enforcement officers across the state and on the Outer Banks will hold checkpoints and step up patrols to catch drivers who commit alcohol related offenses during the holidays. To help share the “Booze It & Lose It” message, the N.C. Department of Transportation produced a public service announcement (click on link) to remind motorists to make sure they are on Santa's nice list by not drinking and driving. The Holiday “Booze It & Lose It” campaign runs today through New Year's and ends on Sunday, Jan. 5, 2014.

***Kitty Hawk Fire Department is
Recruiting Volunteers
Incentives Available
Call 252-261-2666 for more
information.***



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